

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2087
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2015
Procurement in Railways
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is rampant malpractices in the procurement of items in Railways;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to eradicate malpractices in purchases in the Railways;
- (c) the details of the procurement policy being followed by the Railways;
- (d) whether the Railways are not following the Government of India Procurement Policy; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2087 BY SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.08.2015 REGARDING PROCUREMENT IN RAILWAYS

(a) No, Madam. The Indian Railways have well laid down policies and procedures for procurement of materials.

(b) Does not arise. However, in order to bring in total transparency in procurement procedures, Indian Railways have introduced the system of e-procurement. Presently, 99% stores procurement (by value) is made through this process. In addition, regular/surprise checks are also undertaken by the Vigilance Organization of Indian Railways to detect irregularities, if any, and also to suggest system improvements.

(c) The Indian Railways' policy for procurement of goods and services is based on instructions/guidelines laid down in Chapter VI of the General Financial Rules, 2005 which enshrines the principles of public procurement such as transparency, competition, economy, efficiency and accountability etc.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.
